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REFERENCE: POSSIBLE SSM LAUNCH AZIMUTH
SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: A PROBABLE MISSILE CRATER IS OBSERVED 630 NM
DOWNRANGE FROM SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST
CENTER ALONG AN AZIMUTH OF 300 DEGREES.
2. LOCATION: 630 NM NW OF SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST
CENTER AT 4604N - 08723E.
3. REMARKS: A REANALYSIS OF THE SSM INSTRUMENTATION SITES
AT THE SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER,
AND THE GEOMETRIC PATTERN FORMED BY THESE SITES
STRONGLY INDICATES THAT THE PRIMARY FIRING
AZIMUTH IS CLOSER TO 300 DEGREES THAN THE PRE-
VIOUSLY REPORTED 270 DEGREES AZIMUTH. A SEARCH
OF THE TERRAIN BENEATH THE NEWLY PROJECTED FIR-
ING AZIMUTH REVEALS POSSIBLE IMPACT AREAS AT THE
500 NM AND 550 NM MARKS.

TWO CRATERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED

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NEAR LAUNCH COMPLEX A. THE FIRST CRATER,
MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 80 FT IN DIAMETER BY
20 FT DEEP WAS OBSERVED 1,500 FT NW OF COMPLEX
A IN [REDACTED] THE SECOND CRATER,
MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 80 FT IN DIAMETER WAS
OBSERVED 3.5NM WEST OF COMPLEX A IN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4. COLLATERAL: NONE
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION
6. NEGATION DATE: THIS NEWLY IDENTIFIED CRATER CANNOT BE DEFINITELY NEGATED DUE TO PHOTOGRAPHY OF POOR INTERPRETABILITY IN THIS AREA. IT WAS PROBABLY PRESENT IN [REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY PRESENT IN [REDACTED]
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE
8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: CRATERS: APPROXIMATELY 80 FT IN DIAMETER.

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9. MISSION READOUT: A PROBABLE MISSILE CRATER IS OBSERVED 630 NM DOWNRANGE FROM SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 300 DEGREES. THIS CRATER MEASURES APPROXIMATELY 80 FT IN DIAMETER AND IS SIMILAR TO AND APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE AS THE TWO CRATERS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED NEAR COMPLEX A. (SCTMTC).
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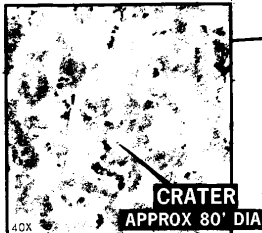
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POSSIBLE SSM LAUNCH AZIMUTH SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, CHINA



46-04N 87-23E



41-14N 100-17E

CRATER
APPROX 80' DIA

LAUNCH COMPLEX A

RANGEHEAD

CRATER
APPROX 80' DIA

LAUNCH COMPLEX A

3.5 NM

RANGEHEAD
INSTRUMENTATION PATTERN

▲ TOWER
■ ANTENNA SITE

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